

CROSS COUNTRY.—The fifth annual novice championship race was run off at Bothwell Castle on Saturday under miserable weather conditions. Thirty teams and five individuals entered. Upwards of 200 faced the starter. Mr. James Donald, and a good start was made at a smart pace. The trail was laid over a five miles course. On the first round J. W. Stanley, Shettleston, and A. J. T. M'Morran, Garscube, led the field, but Stanley's clubmate, Hart, displaced the Garscube lad, and the Shettleston men kept the lead to the finish. The placings were:—1, J. W. Stanley; 2, W. Hart, Shettleston; 3, A. J. T. M'Morran, Garscube. The team placings were:—1, Shettleston Harriers (J. W. Stanley, 1; W. Hart, 2; J. Jordan, 14; T. Mitchell, 19), 36 points; 2, Garscube Harriers (A. J. T. M'Morran, 3; D. Urquhart, 8; J. Mullion, 28; J. B. M'Farlane, 30), 69 points; 3, West of Scotland, 118 points; Hamilton Y.M.C.A., 121 points; Maryhill, 135 points. The winner's time was 27mins. 39 2.5 secs., so that the trail was less than five miles and did not give satisfaction from a spectator's point of view.

Y.M.C.A. HARRIERS

The local club was one of thirty which took part in the Scottish Novice Championship at Bothwell last Saturday. Each team was represented by eight runners, of whom the first four home had to count. There was thus a muster of close on 250 runners. The course was one of five miles, and was wholly within the Policies. The wind was biting cold and very strong, but fortunately there was no heavy rain during the contest. After the deluge of the night before the going was extremely heavy, and comprised a little road work, much turf, and some woodland paths.

J. W. Stapley, of Shettleston, was first man home, followed by his club-mate, W. Hart, whilst A. M'Moran, of Garscube, was third. The team race was won by Shettleston with 55 points, Garscube was second with 69 points, and West of Scotland third with 118 points.

The Motherwell club faced misfortune at the start, for their novice winner and one other of the team could not take their places, and, as only one reserve was available, they began with seven men only.

After the first lap, the local boys were seen to be doing quite well, but one or two dropped back later, and the club finished 12th with 265 points. This was a few places better than last year, but might quite easily have been very much better.

R. Craigen ran a very good race, and was first home for the Y.M.I., being actually 25th. Perhaps the best performance was that put up by J. Findlay, who, although only a reserve, finished second for Motherwell, being 51st. J. M'Luckie was third, and G. Aitken fourth. Each member of the Y.M.C.A. club finished the course, and showed fine pluck and good running. A little specialising might have got the team placed, but everyone was pleased with the "youngsters" performance.

To reward the club trip to Garscube with